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SUBJ: ACCRA COMMISSARY

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1. CHIEF OF PROTOCOL INFORMED POL COUNSELOR MAY 6 THAT GOG HAD AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO RECIPROCITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTEL, WITH PROVISION THAT PRIVILEGES BE EXTENDED AS WELL TO GHANAIAN NON-CONSULAR EMPLOYEES AND NON-PRIVILEGED UN EMPLOYEES IN NEW YORK. HE SAID THIS WOULD MAKE FINAL APPROVAL MORE PALATABLE TO SOME IN MFA WHO SEE LARGE DISPARITY IN NUMBER OF US BENEFICIARIES COMPARED TO GHANAIAN.

2. SINCE REFTEL RECEIVED, COMMISSARY HAS OPERATED LARGELY AS RESULT OF CHIEF OF PROTOCOL'S PERSONAL DECISION TO MAINTAIN STATUS QUO PENDING RESOLUTION OF QUESTION OF RECIPROCITY. HE WAS PROVIDED WORDING CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 2. REFTEL ON SEPTEMBER 12 AND HAS VETTED ISSUE THROUGH MFA, MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND OTHER GOG AGENCIES CONCERNED.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL OF ALTERATION OF LANGUAGE IN PARAGRAPH 2 AS FOLLOWS: "THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IS PREPARED TO ARRANGE FOR THE EXTENSION OF DUTY-FREE PRIVILEGES TO NON-DIPLOMATIC STAFF OF THE EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA, TO NON-CONSULAR STAFF OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA IN NEW YORK AND TO NON-PRIVILEGED STAFF OF THE PERMANENT
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MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA TO THE UNITED NATIONS WHO ARE

GHANAIAAN CITIZENS..."

4. WE ARE UNSURE OF PRIVILEGES QUESTION AT UN MISSION BUT
ASSUME EXTENSION TO CONSULATE GENERAL IN NEW YORK WOULD ALSO
PROVIDE US WITH CLEAR COVER FOR USIS OFFICER STATIONED IN
KUMASI.

5. REQUEST REPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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